

constitute such a majority? Would the Chair announce that number for the body?

SPEAKER BARRETT: We are under call. Members that are outside the Legislative Chamber, please return. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 6 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is under call. Now, members, please return to your seats and record your presence. Senator Landis, I believe in answer to your question, we would have to look to the second line of section 5 which says an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting. Therefore, it would be a simple majority and the members excused would be irrelevant, members present and voting. Senator Haberman, Senator Smith, record your presence. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, would you say what you just said again. I was trying to follow.

SPEAKER BARRETT: I was answering Senator Landis's question, Senator Chambers, in which he was asking for a specific number.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And your reason for saying that just a majority of those who actually vote is based on what?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Present and voting.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, the only ones who can vote are those present, so to say present and voting I think means something other than just those who vote. You've got to be here to vote, so the word present means something in addition to just those who are sitting in this Chamber voting. I think it means whoever is present.

SPEAKER BARRETT: I was interpreting the rule as the Chair thought it should be interpreted.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (inaudible.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman, the house is under call. Roll call vote has been requested. A machine vote has been requested on the adoption of L...I'm sorry, a roll call on the adoption of the amendment.